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REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

Claims 1-4 and 13-15 have been canceled. Claim 5 has been previously presented. Claims 6-12 appear as originally claimed. Therefore, claims 5-12 are presently pending in this application. Reexamination and reconsideration are hereby respectfully requested.

II. CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4 and 13-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Velasquez et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,616,152. Applicants have canceled claims 1-4 and 13-15. In light of the cancellation of these claims, withdrawal of the rejection is hereby respectfully requested.


III. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office indicated that claims 5-12 were allowable subject matter because they defined over the prior art. Applicants greatly appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

For at least the above-cited reasons, all claims pending in the present application are now believed to be allowable. Early receipt of a Notice of Allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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